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# BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID
# TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WORLD DISASTER AREAS

To: The Honourable John Savage
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

Sir:

I have the honour to present the report on the Government of British Columbia's Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries Program for the fiscal year 1987-88.

It can be seen from the table on the next page that assistance was provided to 23 organizations in their sponsorship of 31 development or disaster programs during the year. The total amount now committed by the Government of British Columbia since this program was initiated in 1969 is $8,330,220.00. Short summaries of the projects supported in 1987-88 and a map of their locations are included in the body of the report.

The fund makes a valuable contribution to the work of the non-government agencies as they design their development projects. The good work of these agencies enhances the lives of the recipient people in many of the world's developing countries. British Columbia's contribution is very much appreciated.

The guidelines for the Advisory Committee are included in the report for readers unfamiliar with the program. Administration is kept as simple as possible. The first step for any interested applicant is to provide satisfactory proof of eligibility. After that, an application may be made by the sponsoring organization on the form provided by the Secretary. At the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, the project proposal is reviewed on its merits, in relation to the guidelines and the amount of the budget still uncommitted. If the project receives favourable review, a recommendation is made to the Minister on the amount that should be granted in its support. Enclosed with the cheque is a project progress report form and a date given for the return of the form. When all Government funds have been spent on the project and upon its completion, the file on the project is formally closed.

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Report to The Honourable John Savage (cont'd)

During the year under review Mr. Bruce Hackett replaced Dr. Gordon MacEachern as Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

Bruce A. Hackett
Chairman
B.C. Agricultural Aid
Advisory Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED TO EACH ORGANIZATION

DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1987 to MARCH 31, 1988

AND THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

| Organization | Projects | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| African Wildlife Husbandry Association | 1 | $ 12,500 |
| Canadian Hunger Foundation | 4 | 13,000 |
| Canadian Luthern World Relief | 2 | 17,500 |
| Canadian Organization for Development Through Education | 2 | 10,000 |
| Canadian Red Cross | 2 | 30,000 |
| C.U.S.O. | 1 | 5,000 |
| H.A.V.E. (Help a Village Effort) | 1 | 2,500 |
| Hope International | 2 | 5,000 |
| Interaction | 1 | 5,000 |
| International Association for the Transformation of Man | 1 | 3,000 |
| Inter Pares | 1 | 5,000 |
| Mennonite Central Committee | 1 | 20,000 |
| Plenty Canada | 1 | 5,000 |

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| Powell River Communities in Partnership | 1 | 4,600 |
| Religious Society of Friends | 1 | 1,500 |
| Salvation Army | 1 | 10,000 |
| Save the Children Fund | 1 | 4,600 |
| S.I.M. (Sudanese Interior Ministry) | 1 | 10,000 |
| U.N.I.C.E.F. | 1 | 7,000 |
| U.S.C. | 1 | 8,146 |
| World Vision | 1 | 6,000 |
| Victoria YM-YWCA | 1 | 5,000 |
| YMCA International | 2 | 8,600 |
| | 31 | $ 198,946 |

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF APPROVED PROJECTS

April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

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**AFRICAN WILDLIFE HUSBANDRY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Nazinga Project - Burkino Faso .....$ 12,500

The purpose of this project, which started in 1979 was "To research, design and develop management of the wildlife resource in the Nazinga region for the conservation and increase of that resource and for the profit and development of the local people." The project is carried out in the form of a game "Ranch". Progress to date is impressive. Water development for fishing has proven most successful and harvesting of game is in its early stage.

**CANADIAN HUNGER FOUNDATION**

Village Water Supply - Kitui, Kenya .....$ 4,500

This project will facilitate the development of bore-hole wells and the installation of pumps to serve the agricultural and domestic needs of farm families in 20 small communities. Extension programs will be carried out to educate the local people in the nutritional benefits of gardening, as well as the need to adopt sustainable farm practices.

Agricultural Supplies for the Cinci Co-operative Farming Project- Northern Province, Zambia.....$ 4,500

The objectives of this project are to stimulate agricultural development of the area through the dissemination of improved seed, animal traction farming techniques and soil fertility maintenance practices. The project will also initiate a long term plan for programs in support of agricultural development and community based self help projects. Approximately 2,200 families will benefit from the improved delivery of development activities as a result of this project.

Hill Slope Agriculture Component - Philippines .....$ 2,000

This project is directed to the demonstration of hill slope farming techniques. Twenty farmers and ten technicians will be trained in hill slope farming. Farmer associations will be organized and assisted to establish seed banks and nurseries. A general extension program will be carried out; it will include contouring, growing tree crops, nitrogen fixation and gardening. Initially 120 families will benefit from this project. The number will grow to 900 as the program develops.

Municipal Hog Breeding - Philippines .....$ 2,000

The Buhi Ecumenical Development Association will recruit and supervise a qualified farm manager and a technician to set up a hog breeding unit. The purpose of this project is to improve the productivity of hog enterprizes among low income families of the Buhi area of Camarines Sur in the Philippines. 320 families will benefit directly within the first two years of operation.

**CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Water, Health and Agriculture - Trident, India .....$ 10,000

This project aims to uplift the rural poor to a level of self-reliance through improvement of agricultural practices, soil conservation, land development and afforestation, as well as proper management of surface water. Steps will be taken to develop leadership skills, to undertake education and training programs through non-formal education centers. Assistance will also be provided to create better health conditions and increasing the participation of women in development activities.

Karamoja Development Program - Uganda .....$ 7,500

The aim of this project is to provide a comprehensive integrated program of assistance that will enable Karamoja to return to a sustained agricultural life, hence a move towards self-sufficiency and economic independence. This will include provision of farm inputs, extension services, material and administrative support.

**CANADIAN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

Agricultural Extension Work Among Farmers of Benin - Atacora Province, Benin .....$ 7,000

The objective of this project is to improve the standard of living of the rural population by producing post-literacy material of practical interest to maintain literacy levels among newly literate farmers.

Publication of "Jekabaara" Newsletter - Mali .....$ 3,000

This project will provide paper necessary for publishing 4 extra pages in the Bambara-language newsletter "Jekabaara" which serves as a communications link for rural village associations and contains technical items for farmers on agronomy, animal husbandry, human health care, farm management, and other subjects. The publication addresses a critical need for post-literacy material in national languages, enabling the newly literate to retain their skills while learning practical farming techniques and re-vitalizing community spirit.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS**

Mozambique Drought Relief Appeal - Mozambique .....$ 5,000

These funds will contribute to the distribution of basic rations to 35,000 people and the distribution of blankets, cooking utensils and seed (vegetables, beans and maize). It will also contribute to repairing water pumps and other operational expenses.

Ethiopian Drought Appeal - Ethiopia .....$ 25,000

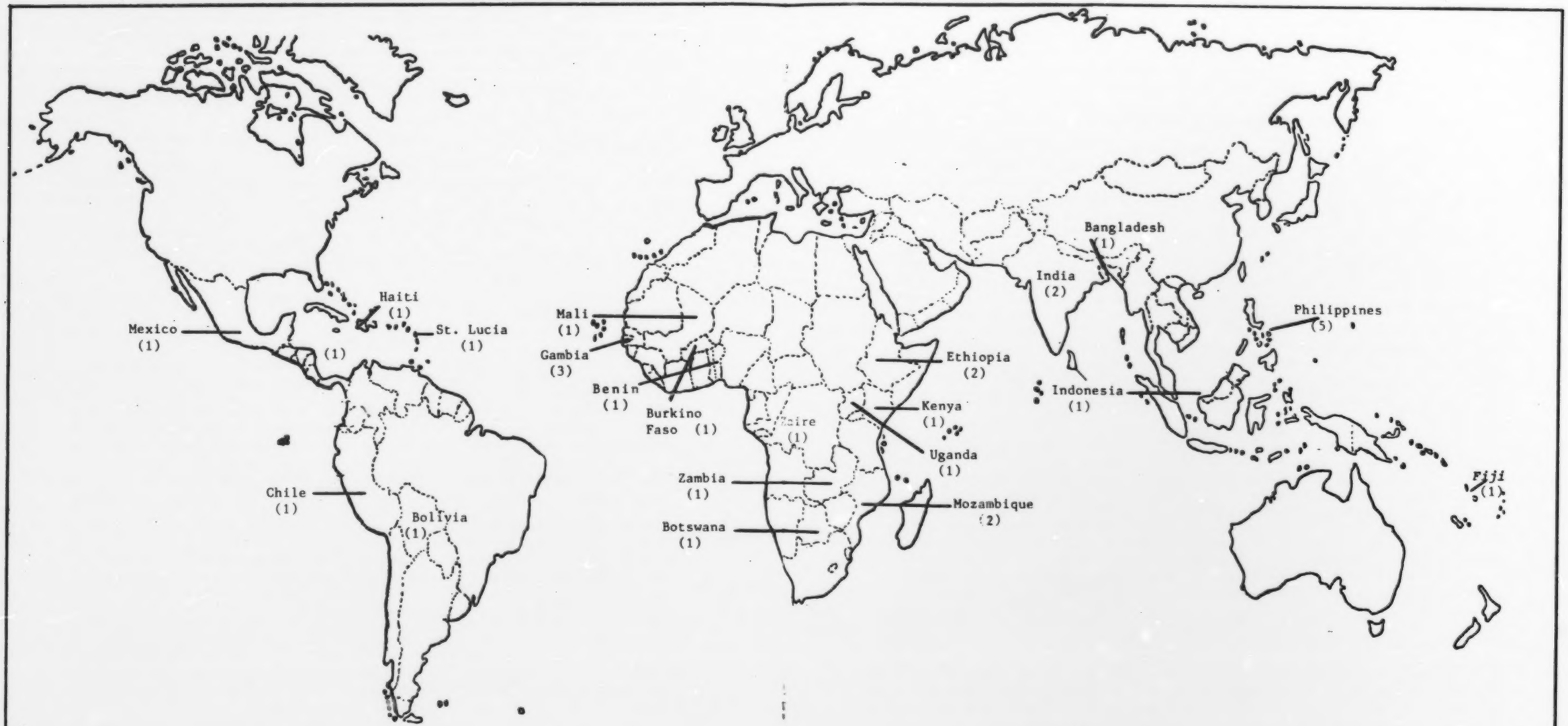
This contribution will go toward four basic objectives; (i) the distribution of basic rations, (ii) the development of an integrated health and nutrition education, (iii) the nutritional monitoring of the population and (iv) the maintenance of a general level of disaster preparedness.

**C.U.S.O**

Agroforestry - Vegetable Garden - The Gambia, West Africa .....$ 5,000

This project will develop village gardens serving over 1,600 people. A Canadian cooperant and a host national agricultural assistant have been recruited to monitor and coordinate the vegetable production scheme in which each village will be provided with a vegetable garden (concrete-lined wells, fencing improved seeds, etc.). They will assist the villages to acquire improved cultural practices and will be part of a ten-person team (foresters, nutritionist, environmentalists, Community Health Nurse) that will coordinate activities within the agroforestry development program with assistance from the URD Technical Committee and government extension workers.

Locations of the Projects Supported by the
Government of British Columbia during 1988/89



Samci Rice Trading Post - Philippines .....$ 2,500

This project will facilitate rice trading operations that will provide members of SAMCI and other small rice farmers in the municipality of Sta. Ana Pampanga, with higher prices for their palay produce. It will also develop, implement and validate a linkage model that brings together small rural producers and urban poor consumers for their mutual benefit.

**H.A.V.E. (Help A Village Effort)**

Village Wells - The Gambia, West Africa.....$ 2,500

The main objective is to provide the villages of Manjai Kunda and Sukuta, which are chronically needing water, with an adequate supply of potable water. Apart from supplying water for regular household purposes, these wells will also be used by two schools, a medical clinic and women in market gardening, including the growth of fruit and nut trees.

**HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

Dairy Cattle Project - India .....$ 2,500

The objectives of this project are to increase incomes and improve health and nutrition of 60 families through provision of dairy cattle, fodder improvements, marketing and veterinary facilities and training in related areas.

**INTERACTION**

World Food Day.....$ 5,000

World Food Day is observed annually on October 16 by all member countries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The objective of British Columbia's program is to involve B.C. citizens in education programs on world food issues and fundraising activities for relief and development projects in third world countries.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN**

Kalinga Agro-Forestry Development - Philippines .....$ 3,000

This is a continuation of the project funded in 1987. It will pursue the expansion of the agro-forest nurseries of Butbut, Tulgao and Balay and will continue the reforestation projects in the Kalinga area. The project will also develop demonstration vegetable gardens and introduce improved agricultural practices suitable to upland conditions.

**INTER PARES**

Maputo Green Zone Project - Mozambique .....$ 5,000

This project will increase the production of vegetables and grains in the area around Maputo, the Mozambican capital. It will also increase the income levels of co-operative members and small family farmers involved in the project. These objectives will be achieved through the provision of seeds and pumps and agricultural training for the peasants. In addition, a distribution centre will be built and weight machines provided. Approximately 200 families are involved in the project.

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

Bangladesh Agriculture Development - Bangladesh .....$ 20,000

This project is designed to improve the nutritional status and living conditions of the rural poor of Bangladesh by increasing food production. This will be done by working with marginal farmers, rural women and the rural landless in assisting them to increase their productivity, income and their knowledge about nutrition and health.

**PLENTY CANADA**

St. Lucia Integrated Community Development - St. Lucia .....$ 5,000

This is the second year of funding toward this project. The project will continue to implement an integrated extension program concentrating on agriculture and soy processing. It will promote the use of soybeans on home, village and commercial scales by providing demonstrations, workshops and extension services on the incorporation of soyfoods into the traditional diet to improve nutrition. The project will also provide training in soy processing at the Soy Centre.

**POWELL RIVER COMMUNITIES-IN-PARTNERSHIP**

Haitian Hog Farming Project - St. Marc, Haiti .....$ 4,600

This project provided funding for the community of Powell River to host a delegation of Haitian pig farmers. During their stay in British Columbia, they visited many hog farm operations and discussed pig farming with B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries staff. This project was an outstanding success. It contributed to the Haitians understanding of pig farming and to all participants, international understanding.

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

Training Project for Rural Development Extension Workers in Mexico - .....$ 1,500

The objective of this project is to train campesinos as rural extension workers and to enable them to seek production and organizational opportunities in their own and neighbouring communities. The specific objective is to train an additional five workers who will continue to work in their own communities for the benefit of the whole area.

**SALVATION ARMY**

Vocational Training - Chile .....$ 10,000

The project will set up a model farm with farm training in poultry, market gardening and livestock together with carpentry and engineering. Vocational training for 250 men over a five year period will result.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND**

A Horticultural Project - Gaborone, Botswana .....$ 4,600

The objectives of this project are to promote local production of vegetables; to provide education in gardening and to provide employment particularly for women. The local community will be assisted to raise their own vegetables and train their own people. The development of home gardening will improve nutrition and increase family income.

**S.I.M. CANADA**

Adjora Valley Soybean Project - Ethiopia .....$ 10,000

This project will continue the second year of a program introducing the people of the Adjora Valley to the nutritional value of the soybean. The by-products of the soybean will also be demonstrated to them as a valuable contribution for high protein animal feed supplements. This, in turn, will increase milk and meat production. A demonstration plot was established during the first year of the project and various soybean varieties are being tested to discern the most suitable variety of bean for the area.

U.N.I.C.E.F.

Food Production and Nutrition - Bolivia .....$ 7,000

This project is part of a larger programme of integrated rural development, which also includes components of health care, adult literacy training, pre-school and primary education and community organization. The Food Production and Nutrition project is an important part of the overall programme. The project will contribute to reducing malnutrition particularly among children as a result of improved agricultural practices. Rural villagers will be helped to become self-sufficient in food production.

UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

Water Supply and Agricultural Development - Indonesia .....$ 8,146

The development of a reliable water supply for agricultural development is the objective of this project. Two rainwater catchment storage areas will be constructed largely by the 420 families who will benefit from the project. The project will help to reverse the cycle of erosion and crop failure and increase agricultural production and farmers incomes.

WORLD VISION

Kamina Crop Rehabilitation - Zaire .....$ 6,000

The objective of this project is to increase the crop production of the farmers in the area and thereby increase the income potential and improve the nutritional standards of the community. Agricultural training of the farming community, distribution of improved seed, and the demonstration and distribution of fertilizer and herbicides are some of the steps that will be taken to reach this goal.

VICTORIA YM-YWCA

Medina Talokoto Village Development Project - The Gambia .....$ 5,000

This project will develop a village garden, a day care centre, a well water supply system and a co-operative shop for the people of Medina Talokoto. The project will assist them to become self sufficient in food production and to produce a food surplus to generate income for future village projects.

**Y-INTERNATIONAL-VANCOUVER**

Fiji YMCA Rural Development Project - Fiji .....$ 5,000

This project will provide support for the Fiji Rural Work Program. It includes training for rural workers, increasing traditional crop production and the introduction of new crops, the introduction of livestock farming, methods and the enhancement of village life through improvements in housing sanitation, water supplies and community facilities.

Community Based Mushroom Production - Philippines ....$ 3,600

An integrated mushroom farm will be established in San Vincente. Facilities will be set up to produce good viable mushroom spawns. While construction of facilities is underway, contract growers will be recruited and trained. Technical assistance will be supplied by the Philippine Mushroom Society. The mushroom enterprise will buy back the produce from the growers and market them.

# GUIDELINES
# FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A B.C. AGRICULTURAL AID GRANT?
   To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must normally be:

   a) non-governmental and non-profit.
   b) Clearly identifiable as Canadian, preferably with headquarters or office in British Columbia.
   c) In the case of religious organizations, a provincial or parent body.
   d) Managed efficiently and provide evidence of competence to carry out the project or disaster relief.
   e) Prepared to provide the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee with documentary evidence of its ability to meet its share of the financial and other obligations related to the project or disaster relief.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED

   An organization, when applying for a grant for the first time, must provide:

   a) Full legal name, address and telephone number.
   b) Date of founding, incorporation (if applicable) and details of registration.
   c) Copy of the charter of incorporation, constitution or similar document.
   d) Names of members of the board, executive officer and principal staff.
   e) Copy of the most recent audited financial statement and the annual report to the Registrar-General of Charitable Organizations or the Income Tax Act.
   f) A copy of the annual report and the most recent informational material issued by the organization.

Each organization should ensure that this material is kept up to date by submitting annual reports and other relevant material to the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee.

A description of each project should be submitted on a Projects Submission Form, which can be obtained from the Rural Organizations and Services Branch, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 2Z7.

3. TYPES OF PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may recommend a grant be made to the supporting organization to provide:

a) direct support for a project with a significant agricultural component, e.g., well digging, land clearing farm equipment.
b) Support for agriculturally related education, with emphasis on land and water development as well as technical and scientific agricultural subject matter.
c) Assistance following a disaster. In the case of a serious disaster the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee is usually aware of the situation and is prepared to recommend cash aid or other assistance immediately following submission by a non-government organization.
d) Discretionary aid in the form of matching grants. In these cases, submissions are accepted from organizations other than those involved basically in world aid, but to qualify for matching grants, funds must be raised by the private sector in British Columbia.

## 4. APPRAISAL OF PROJECTS

Apart from disaster relief, the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee carefully considers each project which should:

a) Contribute significantly to social and economic development by creating jobs, developing human resources, etc.
b) Foster self-reliance by encouraging local management and initiative.
c) Make the maximum use of local human and financial resources.
d) Assist the underprivileged.
e) Be on-going, with development continuing after the cessation of funds.

The objectives of the project should be clear and realistically attainable within the limits of the resources and time available. All details should be set out clearly to show the project is financially and economically sound and is well accepted by the country concerned.

Support of a project must not be assumed by an organization until it is informed, in writing, by the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee, that a grant has been approved.

## 5. GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants may not be made to an organization that is in arrears with its reporting, or fails to meet its financial or other obligations, or has performed unsatisfactorily on previously assisted projects.

B.C. Agricultural Aid grants may be made in one lump sum payment on initiation of the project, or paid in installments based on the project's requirement and on receipt of satisfactory progress reports.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee will try to avoid excessive concentration on grants to one organization, country or economic sector.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may consult with agencies submitting several requests to establish priorities.

Grants for advance training should be confined to the general area in which the applicant resides.

6. TIME SPAN OF SUPPORT

Support is normally for one year at a time. It may be possible, however, for the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee to indicate conditional support for longer periods, subject to satisfactory progress reports and approval of funds by the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION

An organization which received a grant from the Government of British Columbia is responsible for competent administration of the grant, and providing progress reports and a final report on the project within the deadlines given.